

The Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT STATE OF IDAHO BOISE

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2006-40

ESTABLISHING A POLICY FOR ALL STATE AGENCIES CONCERNING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho has a responsibility to its citizens to ensure that tax dollars are not paid to those who have entered our nation illegally; and

WHEREAS, those who choose to enter our nation illegally should not be rewarded for their actions; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho should work to ensure that jobs are available for those who are lawfully entitled to work in our State and nation; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho is in a position to lead by example by addressing the issue of illegal immigration; and

WHEREAS, the federal program known as Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements provides states, local governments and private and publicly held companies with tools to proactively address illegal immigration; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho encourages other employers, both public and private, within the State to utilize all available tools to ensure that workers are eligible for employment in Idaho;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JAMES E. RISCH, Governor of the State of Idaho, by the authority vested in me under the Constitution and laws of the State of Idaho do hereby order the following:

- 1. The Division of Human Resources shall develop and implement procedures to verify and ensure that all new employees with any agency of the State of Idaho are eligible for employment under federal and state law.
- 2. The Department of Administration shall develop and implement procedures to verify and ensure, from the date of this executive order forward, that contracts for services performed for the State in Idaho are with businesses that employ individuals who are eligible under federal and state law to work in the United States.
- 3. The Department of Health and Welfare shall evaluate its existing procedures and programs and if necessary implement new procedures or programs to ensure that only individuals who are legally eligible receive government benefits in Idaho.
- 4. The Department of Commerce and Labor shall evaluate its programs, procedures, and policies and implement new programs, procedures, or polices if necessary, to ensure that only individuals who are legally eligible receive unemployment benefits from the State of Idaho.
- 5. The Departments of Commerce and Labor, Administration and Health and Welfare and the Division of Human Resources and the Bureau of Occupational Licenses shall develop and implement a strategy to educate and inform private businesses in Idaho about their programs and efforts.
- 6. For the purpose of this executive order and only this executive order "agency" shall mean all offices, departments, divisions, bureaus, boards, and commissions of the State, excluding the legislative and judicial branches of government.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 13th day of December in the year of our Lord two thousand and six and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-first and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred seventeenth.

JAMES E. RISCH GOVERNOR

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